

## Agenda Item No.3

## DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE  
AND TOURISM

25 March 2019

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS  
VITAL VALLEY (HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GREAT PLACE SCHEME)

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to award grants to external recipients.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants are payments of funds for a specific purpose. Examples include contributions towards an external party's core running costs, purchase or construction of specified assets, and the running of specific events.

There is now, also, a requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 to publish information on grants awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Applications for grants have been received from the following:

Applicant	Works	Suggested Contribution
First Investments Real Estate Ltd (FI)	Building condition survey report for Belper North and East Mill complex	Maximum of £20,000
Belper North Mill Trust (BNMT)	Feasibility and options appraisal report for visitor attraction and development of Belper North Mill Museum through identifying potential funding source and operational requirements, with further consultancy support to implement options from feasibility study for funding sources and operational requirements.	Maximum of £75,000

Specific details of the application for grant can be found in the Appendix attached.

Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Partnership, accepted a grant offer from the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) for a Great Place Scheme in the DVMWHS. The Great Place Scheme included “Old Spaces, Creative Futures” to facilitate a co-ordinated approach to the regeneration of the Belper Mills complex of North and East Mill. The project aimed to develop new ideas for these significant historical buildings in Belper to benefit businesses and residents through a re-development to increase cultural opportunities and secure the economic future of the buildings. The property owners were identified as co-delivery or strategic partners. The NHLF approved these activities in the Great Place Scheme. FI is the property management company for the landowner. BNMT is the operator of the accredited museum housed on part of the site.

DVMWHS sees the condition survey as a key part of facilitating long-term investment in the complex at the heart of the world heritage site.

BNMT and FI are working on a direction for the re-development of the site to continue and enhance the heritage visitor attraction on the site. DVMWHS has agreed with NHLF that an options appraisal is needed to review the viability and form of the visitor offer. DVMWHS, BNMT and FI want to enhance the heritage element as part of revitalising this area of Belper. This would involve the existing museum and the developer looking at options for a world class heritage destination in this part of the world heritage site. This study would be commissioned by the BNMT.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Derbyshire County Council accepted the NHLF grant offer of £1,285,800 on 9 June 2017. On 13 September 2016, the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure approved the use of up to a maximum of £150,000 of the DVMWHS Partnership's reserve, as match funding towards the scheme. The grant funding is available until 31 December 2020. Grants can be met from the Vital Valley budget of £95,000 for the Old Spaces, Creative Futures budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** By grant funding, the grantee will not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular services although the Council may be able to claw back grant if it is unspent or misapplied.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** Vital Valley supports the corporate purpose, vision and values of Derbyshire County Council, as laid out in the Council Plan Update 2016-17 (page 3) and those of the DVMWHS, as laid out in its Management Plan 2014-2019, (page 7 and pages 90-104).

## Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(6) **Key Decision** No.

(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details - Adam Lathbury, extension 39791.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants from the accepted National Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1,285,800 for the 'Vital Valley' Great Place Scheme to:

- Maximum of £20,000 to First Investments Real Estate Ltd to undertake a condition survey of the buildings and structures on the North and East Mill site in Belper in accordance with the brief agreed by Historic England, Amber Valley Borough Council and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership.
- Maximum of £75,000 to Belper North Mill Trust to commission appropriately experienced and qualified consultants to undertake a feasibility and options appraisal report for a World Heritage Site visitor facility on the North and East Mill site in Belper which identifies potential funding sources and operational requirements, with further consultancy support to implement actions.

**Mike Ashworth**  
**Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment**

## Appendix – Award of Grants

**Name of Recipient:** First Investments Real Estate Ltd

**Grant Name:** Belper North and East Mill Buildings Condition Survey

**Officer Responsible:** Beki Howey

**Summary of Purpose:** To assist First Investment to appoint a consultant to undertake a condition, assessment and repairs survey for the Belper North and East Mills complex to:

1. Survey, inspect and record the current condition the buildings and mill complex, carried out by appropriately qualified or experienced personnel with the scope, location and professional standards agreed with Historic England, Amber Valley Borough Council and Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS).
2. Report appropriate recommendations on repairs or conservation work that may need attention.
3. Appraise potential cost of repairs or conservation based on recommendations.

**Amount of Grant Requested:** Up to £20,000

**Capital/ Revenue:** Revenue

**Which Budget:** National Heritage Lottery Fund Great Place Scheme and DVMWHS Reserves

**Time Period:** 2018/2019

**Name of Recipient:** Belper North Mill Trust (BNMT)

**Grant Name:** Belper North and East Mill Visitor Attraction Feasibility Study and support to assist in investigating and implementing options.

**Officer Responsible:** Beki Howey

**Summary of Purpose:** To assist BNMT in appointing a consultant to take forward ideas for development of a visitor attraction and development of within the Belper Mill complex:

1. Undertake a feasibility and options appraisal for a visitor and heritage attraction located in Strutt's North Mill, Belper that secures the heritage for the future, increases the range of cultural opportunities, promotes the Belper Mills complex and Belper as a key part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS), the Outstanding Universal Value of the DVMWHS and contributes to sustainable tourism within the DVMWHS.
2. Investigate funding mechanisms for capital and revenue operations for a visitor and heritage attraction that is incorporated in cohesive plans for development of the complex with First Investments Real Estate Ltd (FI) to enhance the economic regeneration of the area.
3. Assist BNMT and FI to review governance and operating models for a future visitor and heritage attraction in the Belper Mills complex.
4. Provide consultancy support to implement options from the feasibility and options appraisal to assist the realisation of a visitor and heritage attraction within redevelopment plans.
5. Assist BNMT with maintaining and bridging the current visitor attraction towards options that deliver a secure long-term future.

**Amount of Grant Requested:** Up to £75,000

**Capital/ Revenue:** Revenue

**Which Budget:** National Heritage Lottery Fund Great Place Scheme and DVMWHS Reserves

**Time Period:** 2018/2019/2020